Principles Of Obstetrics And Gynecology For Nurses

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Obstetrician–gynecologists, like other physicians, often face a conflict between principles of beneficence—nonmaleficence in relation to a patient and respect for that patient's personal autonomy. In such cases, the physician's judgment about what is in the patient's best interests conflicts with the patient's preferences. Almost everything obstetrician–gynecologists do in their professional lives involves one or more of the ethical principles and personal virtues to a greater or lesser degree. Nevertheless, several specific areas deserve special attention: the role of the obstetrician–gynecologist in the society at large; the process of voluntary, informed consent; confidentiality; and conflict of interest.